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| For: ORTHOPEDIC SPLINT |) | |
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| Serial No. 09/171,732 |) | Michael Brown |
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**AMENDMENT A1 UNDER RULE 111 OR 116 AND PETITION TO REMOVE
FINALITY OF THE OFFICE ACTION IN PAPER NO. 12**

TO:
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Actions, Paper No. 6, mailed on January 10, 2000, and Paper No. 12, mailed on June 7, 2001, applicants request that the subject application be amended as follows. A clean copy of the specification was mailed to the Office on April 20, 2001 in response for a request for same from the Examiner.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend pages 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

Page 1, line 10, change "Velcro strips" to --hook and loop strips sold under the trademark VELCRO--;

Page 2, line 5; line 33, both occurrences; line 37; line 39; page 3, lines 9, 10 14, 23, 25, 27 and 39, after "Velcro", insert --®--.

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